

October 22, 2012

Dan Beauregard  
673 Messier Road  
Franklin, VT 05457

Re: Window Variance Request  
Location: 180/182 Route 7, Swanton, VT  
Site# 89270

Dear Mr. Beauregard,

I am in receipt of a variance request to allow the existing egress windows to remain. The current clear opening dimensions for the existing egress windows measure 29.75 inches in width and 20 inches in height with a clear window opening of 4.1 square feet.

Under the provisions of the amended 2006 Vermont Fire & Building Safety Code, Section 5, a variance may be granted when the applicant can demonstrate that an equal degree of safety is being provided through a safe alternative method.

**Code Requirement:** The minimum “**net clear opening of egress windows must be 5.7 square feet,**” and the sill height must be not more than 44 inches above the floor. The minimum net clear opening height is 24 inches and the minimum net clear opening width is 20 inches, with a total net opening of 820 square inches. When using a double hung window, the 5.7 square feet of open-able area must be in the bottom sash only. 2006 NFPA 101 24.2.2

Considering the overall dimensions of the windows and that there are electric with battery back-up photo-electric smoke detectors on all levels and the unit has electric with battery back-up carbon monoxide detectors, this variance request is **GRANTED**.

If you have any question, please contact me at 879-2302.

Respectively,  
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